

PROPOSING A TAX LIMITATION
AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITU-
TION OF THE UNITED STATES

SPEECH OF

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 12, 2002

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to make a speech that I should not have to make. I rise to discuss a constitutional amendment that should not have made it to this floor. In short, this debate is a waste of my time, your time, and the American taxpayer's money.

Let me be more specific. H.J. Res. 96, the Tax Limitation Constitutional Amendment, has been brought to the House floor for a vote seven times in the past seven years. Each time, year after year, it has failed to gain the $\frac{2}{3}$ majority needed to pass. I expect that this year will be no different.

But let's suppose that this year is different. Let us imagine that some of us decide to give in to political expediency and decide to vote for a constitutional amendment that will impair our legislative duty to determine the proper tax rate for the American people and for our government. Would it pass the other body? Undoubtedly, no. Would it pass the state legislatures? Doubtful.

Why then do the Republicans continue to bring this legislation to the floor? Do my colleagues on the other side of the aisle believe that we do not have more important things to talk about? That homeland security and the reorganization of our intelligence community can wait another day or even another hour for us to waste our time on this worthless amendment? That the hundreds of thousands of Americans who are out of work right now and about to run out of temporary unemployment relief can hang on a few more days while we entertain the pigheaded decision to reintroduce this legislation for the seventh time in so many years?

Maybe some of my colleagues suppose that in defiance of precedent and simple math that this amendment will miraculously pass this year? I guarantee you it will not. That said, I call on my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to vote against this amendment and to refrain from wasting our time and the time of the American people with this legislation in the future.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 13, 2002

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, on July 12, 2002, I missed rollcall votes No. 223, No. 224, and No. 225. Had I been present I would have voted "Yea" on rollcall vote No. 223, "Yea" on rollcall vote No. 224 and "Nay" on rollcall vote No. 225.

TRIBUTE TO SYRACUSE UNIVER-
SITY LACROSSE, 2002 DIVISION I
NCAA MEN'S LACROSSE CHAM-
PIONS

HON. JAMES T. WALSH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 13, 2002

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of the Syracuse University Lacrosse team, the 2002 Division I NCAA Men's Lacrosse champions. On May 27th, the Orangemen won their second national title in three years. I am proud to represent this entire team of fine young men led by Head Coach John Desko and Assistant Coaches Roy Simmons III, Kevin Donahue, and John Zuberli.

Lacrosse is one of the oldest American sports, and the members of this team—have taken the game to an incredibly high level. It is no wonder that lacrosse is growing at such a rapid pace with young athletes looking up to role models such as these students, who have dedicated almost their entire lives toward mastering this sport. They have truly made their University, the city of Syracuse, and lacrosse fans nationwide, proud of their accomplishments.

It is my honor to acknowledge the following members of this team who have joined together to achieve the ultimate goal of becoming Division I National Champions: Chris Bickel, Solomon Bliss, Matt Bontaites, Andrew Boyle, Travis Bryan, Drew Bucktooth, John Burns, Josh Coffman, Nick Donatelli, John Glatzel, Kevin Gowin, Tom Hardy, Brian Herloski, Pat Hogan, Ryan Hogan, Joel Howard, Sean Lindsay, Steve Lykudis, Alex Mummolo, Brooks Neal, Brian Nee, Mike Nockunas, Kyle Olson, Jarett Park, Bill Perritt, Jay Pfeifer, Jake Plunket, Michael Powell, Dave Puccia, Joe Sabasteanski, Mike Smith, Brian Sollday, Michael Springer, Billy St. George, Andrew Starr, Steve Vallone, Donn Vidosh, Zack Wallace, Brett Walther, Spencer Wright, Alex Zink.

A TRIBUTE TO NEZAM KELVIN
AND CYNTHIA HOSEIN

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 13, 2002

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Nezam Kelvin and Cynthia Hosein, for their outstanding volunteer work with the 500 Block Association Community Garden and Food Pantry.

Kelvin, as he is known, and his wife Cynthia were born and raised in Trinidad, West Indies. In 1989, they moved to East New York in Brooklyn. They have two children, Princess (18) and Kelvin Jr. (13), and attend the Shepherd Home Open Bible Church.

Mr. Hosein is the President of the Euclid 500 Block Association Community Garden and Food Pantry, where both Kelvin and Cynthia volunteer. This picturesque garden is located on Euclid Avenue between Belmont and Sutter Avenue. In the spring of 2000, the Association built a basketball court behind the garden to provide neighborhood kids a recreational alter-

native to "hanging out" in the street. In addition to basketball, the site is used for regular cookouts for the kids and volunteers. In November 2000, the Association, together with Food For Survival and Green Guerillas, opened their food pantry. The number of people served, already at 440 families, increased dramatically after September 11, 2001. The line is so long, police assistance is now necessary to maintain an orderly process. Needless to say, the food pantry has had a tremendous effect on the community.

I would like to congratulate Nezam Kelvin and Cynthia Hosein, and the Euclid 500 Block Association Community Garden for their dedicated efforts in support of our Brooklyn community and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring these dedicated community servants.

NOT IN MY NAME

HON. CYNTHIA A. MCKINNEY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 13, 2002

Ms. MCKINNEY. Mr. Speaker, Rita Lazar is a remarkable woman. She lost a child, a son, in the horrible attacks on the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001. But Rita Lazar remains a pacifist, dedicating her life to eradicating war all over the world. And she is brave. She wrote a letter to the New York Times, that in essence said that although she knew this country's response to 911 would be war, she and many others feel that the answer is peace. She asked, as many have asked, that this country not go to war, not in the name of her son. Not in the name of her child.

All over the world, there is a movement afloat. People are coming together to say please, please, please, do not go to war—not in my name, and not in the name of my child.

Not in My Name. Not in the Name of My Child. People are saying to governments . . . War? No, not in my name. Destruction? . . . No, not in my name. Weapons of Mass Destruction? No, not in my name. Pollution? No, not in my name.

People from every walk of life—young and old, rich and poor, gay and straight, are saying: Not In My Name.

There is an entire coalition of people who, though horribly saddened by the events at the World Trade Center, send out a mighty call for peace. The September 11 Families for A Peaceful Tomorrow have given us a powerful message—they want a world in which no one, no child, no son, no father, no husband, no wife, no mother, no loved one has to suffer the horror of losing a family member in the name of war. Their bravery is a reminder of our duty towards making the world in which we live one of peace. If you go to their website at peacefultomorrow.org, you will see a quote from Martin Luther King Jr., that says, "Wars are poor chisels for carving out peaceful tomorrows." These people, these brave and suffering souls, have lost sons and daughters and husbands and fathers and wives and mothers to the 911 attack, and yet, miraculously, they are saying, don't go to war, not in the name of our loved ones, Not in the Name of My Child.

Among them are Phyllis and Orlando Rodriguez, who lost their only son Greg at the World Trade Center. The Rodriguez' also sent